

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, replace the paragraphs beginning on line 18 with the following amended paragraphs:

--The products used for these surface pickling and decontamination operations may be hydrochloric acid, (HCl, for example 30 %) or sulphuric acid (H₂SO₄, for example 30 %), acetone (C₃H₆O), hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂, at 110 vol. or 30 % for example), and/or sodium ~~hypochloride (NaClO)~~ hypochlorite NaOCl used preferably in combination. Advantageously, complementary product baths are used with purely disinfecting function, such as Gigasept (registered trademark) or Lysetol (registered trademark).

The corresponding protocol for implementing these pickling/decontamination operations may consists in placing the implant in the different following successive baths subjected to ultrasounds:

- HCl 30 % : 20 mn
- H₂O : 10 mn (or rinsing)
- acetone: 20 mn
- H₂O : 10 mn (or rinsing)
- H₂O₂ 30 % : 20 mn
- ~~NaClO~~ NaOCl: 20 mn
- H₂O : 10 mn (or rinsing)

- Gigasept 12 % : 60 mn
- H₂O Ppi: 20 mn (or rinsing)--